



ADDING AUTHORIZATIONS TO A PRE-RYAN CREDENTIAL

California Education Code, Section 44225(e) and Title 5, California Code of Regulations, Section 80499 allow a teacher to obtain an additional teaching credential without completing a full professional preparation program for that credential.

Individuals who hold a valid pre-Ryan basic teaching credential (issued under laws and regulations in effect prior to January 1, 1971) may obtain an additional multiple or single subject instruction authorization by verifying subject matter competence in the subject area sought.

Qualified applicants who have completed a fifth year of study beyond their bachelor's degree may be granted a clear Multiple Subject or Single Subject Teaching Credential valid for five years. If a fifth year of study has not been completed, a five-year preliminary Multiple Subject or Single Subject Teaching Credential may be granted. If a preliminary credential is granted under this provision, the holder must complete the fifth year and obtain a formal recommendation from a California college or university with a Commission-accredited program before the clear credential will be granted.

- Holders of a pre-Ryan credential authorizing service in a self-contained classroom seeking a Single Subject Teaching Credential must verify specialty area subject matter competency, as outlined below
- Holders of a pre-Ryan credential authorizing service in a departmentalized classroom seeking a Multiple Subject Teaching Credential must verify elementary subject matter competency, as outlined below

Subject Matter Competence

Multiple Subject Teaching Credential

Verify knowledge of the subject to be taught by **one** of the following methods:

- a. achieve a passing score on the appropriate subject matter examination(s). Information regarding the appropriate subject matter examination(s), including passing scores and registration, can be found in [Verifying Subject Matter Competence leaflet CL-674M](#).
- b. complete a Commission-approved elementary subject-matter program or its equivalent and obtain verification of completion from the authorized person in the education department of a California college or university with an accredited program. A list of colleges and universities with accredited subject matter programs is available on the Commission's website at www.ctc.ca.gov. However, availability may be limited as colleges and universities discontinue offering elementary subject matter programs.

Single Subject Teaching Credential

Verify knowledge of the subject to be taught by **one** of the following methods:

- a. achieve a passing score on the appropriate subject-matter examination(s). Information, including passing scores and registration, can be found in [Verifying Subject-Matter Competence leaflet CL-674S](#) [PDF].
- b. complete a Commission-approved subject-matter program or its equivalent and obtain verification of completion from the authorized person in the education department of a California college or university with an accredited program. A list of colleges and universities with accredited subject matter programs is available on the Commission's website at www.ctc.ca.gov.
- c. for Specialized Science subjects only, individuals may take and pass the appropriate subject matter examinations or obtain verification of completion of subject-matter course work from the Commission on Teacher Credentialing. Information, including requirements and procedures, can be found in [Coded Correspondence 03-0010](#).

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Listed below are the statutory subjects available for the Single Subject Teaching Credential:

Agriculture
Art
Biological Sciences (Specialized)
Business
Chemistry (Specialized)
English
Foundational-Level Mathematics
Geosciences (Specialized)
Health Science
Home Economics
Industrial and Technology Education

Languages other than English (specify)
Mathematics
Music
Physical Education
Physics (Specialized)
Science: Biological Sciences
Science: Chemistry
Science: Geosciences
Science: Physics
Social Science